Committee to determine liabilities

341. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a three member-committee has been constituted to determine the liabilities between 1981 to 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names and designations of the members of the Committee;

(c) who would determine the liabilities prior to 1981 and post 1987;

(d) whether it is a fact that liability is to be determined till the price was implemented, if not, what is the provision of policy or Price Control Order in this regard;

(e) whether it is a fact that terms of reference of the Committee as given in the resolution are wrong and incomplete;

(f) what are the complete terms of reference of the Committee;

(g) whether the team have worked out liability against any of the companies so far, if so, the details of the same; and

(h) when was the Committee set up and where it is functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (h) A Three Member Committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice R. L. Gupta, a sitting Judge of the Delhi High Court vide the Resolution of the Government published in the official gazette on 21-3-1994 to review the entire matter of recoveries from drug companies into DPEA. The details asked for/with regard to names of the members, term and reference etc. are contained in the above Resolution, a copy of which is available in the Parliament House Library. The Committee has started functioning by holding its regular meetings.

Ceiling prices of Verapamil formulations

342. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 441 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ceiling prices of Verapamil formulations are based on landed cost of import of Rs. 8950.40 per kg;

(b) whether it is also a fact that current landed cost of import is only Rs. 6400 per kg. and formulators are overcharging the prices with the active support of the Ministry and BICP;

(c) who is responsible for such a state of affairs and what action is being taken to remedy the situation;

(d) why the price of formulations of Verapamil have not been reviewed so far; and

(e) what is the weighted average landed cost of import of Verapamil as per 1993-94 import statistics available with the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) Revision of formulation prices is an ongoing exercise undertaken in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. The ceiling price of Verapamil formulations notified on 24-12-1993 was based on the DGHS weighted average import price of Rs. 8950.40 per kg. However, presently a landed cost of Rs. 6354.24 per kg. is being adopted based on DGHS weighted average import price of Rs. 3765.47 per kg. for the period April—September, 1993.

Recommendations of PAC on monitoring of duty benefits

343. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 1283